

# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 3

24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

### Mr Veal’s Swan Song

It is with a heavy heart I share the news (because I know he wouldn’t say a thing) that our longstanding Assistant Principal, Andrew Veal, will be retiring at the end of the year. Andrew will leave behind huge shoes to fill and a legacy of regenerating the school to the position it is today. I will miss him dearly (even his poorly timed jokes and ridiculously fashion faux pa orange jumper) as he has kept me balanced throughout my entire time at THPS. Andrew has been pivotal in driving the high standards we have developed across his time here.



This announcement provides all families with plenty of time to say thank you and over the course of the remainder of the term we will be regularly placing information about Mr Veal and his illustrious career in our newsletter.

### Acknowledgement

In recent times Templestowe Heights Primary has been recognised as influencing a shift in the direction of teaching and learning in Victorian government schools. The state government has now mandated from 2025, all schools must follow our teaching and learning model, and move to an explicit teaching approach, as well as 25-minutes of phonics instruction for Foundation-Year 2.

As I have said many times before, I am extremely grateful for the courage, commitment and professionalism of all our staff for moving towards an evidence-based approach of how we teach literacy and numeracy. We follow the evidence of how we learn effectively, which in turn supports us to teach in a way that best supports all children to learn.

On Sunday night Templestowe Heights Primary featured on Channel 7 News. We showcased our reading approach and announced that next year we will be a host school for La Trobe University’s Momentum School Project. You can see the news clip here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01MJjtGiTw&ab\\_channel=7NEWSAustralia](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01MJjtGiTw&ab_channel=7NEWSAustralia)

You can also see a 2-minute video description of what explicit teaching is by Dr. Nathaniel Swain, with footage of our students in this clip:

<https://youtu.be/YylUenF0Hf4?si=ed0w9B7y53lLqMlw>

We also had the honour of hosting the State Education Minister and Deputy Premier, Ben Carroll at THPS last Friday. The Minister visited our school to announce the release of the new phonics plus lesson sequences for all schools to access. Ben was blown away with the quality of our teaching and even taught a phonics lesson to our Foundation students on split digraphs!



### Chicken Care at THPS

This morning, we had the Animal Care students from Templestowe College run a professional learning session for all our Environmental Leaders. The purpose was to build our student’s understanding of how best to care for our chickens and provide a checklist and routine plan. Thank you so much to Kate (from TC), Karin Diep, Renee Roomians and Steph McNabb for their time and efforts in supporting our feathery two-legged students!

## Lock Down

As part of our Emergency management Plan, we will be holding a lockdown drill next Friday. Teachers will be rehearsing with their classes what to do prior to the drill, to ensure they are aware of what to do.

**Rhys Coulson**

Principal

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024</b>	
<b>Term 4 2024</b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun Food Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Public Hoilday
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Performance Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Light and Sound Incursion
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Force and Motion Incursion
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3, 4 and Foundation Swimming Program
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols Evening - 5pm to 8pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Assembly Gym – 2.45pm (All Welcome)
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Rehearsal and Lunch – Students Only Graduation Ceremony in the Evening – Families Welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm
<b>PUPIL FREE DAYS</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	
Term 4	Ends – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Dismissal

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Notices Coming Home Next Week

There will be a quite a few notices coming home with your child next week so please check their bags and satchels carefully. Year 3 to 6 students will receive a swimming notice, Year 1 - 'light and sound' incursion notice, Year 2 - Melbourne zoo excursion notice and Year 3 - 'force and motion' incursion notice.

### Lost Property

We have a number of items in the lost property tub that are unnamed. These items range from clothing to lunchboxes and drink bottles. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to the second-hand uniform shop on Friday and other items will be disposed of. Please ensure all items bought to school are clearly named to enable us to promptly return them. The lost property tub can be found in the office area.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second-hand uniform shop has reopened this week and is open for business every afternoon from 3pm to 3.45pm. All tops and dresses \$5, all bottoms \$2, School bags, hats and satchels \$5. Donations Welcome.

## Car Park

Just another reminder that the car park is for staff only. Parents and Carers must park on the street at all times even when dropping off and picking up children from Theircare.

For the safety of all our students please do not walk them through the car park.

## SCHOOL START BONUS

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the office if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.

## GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER



Eligible Victorian families can now apply online for a \$200 Get Active Kids voucher. These vouchers can be redeemed at registered providers, such as local sporting clubs or organisations. The program is open to Victorian children aged 18 and under, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time

of application. A special consideration stream is also available to support children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students up to 18 years at the time of application. To apply or for more information, please visit the program website at <https://getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>.

## THE ART ROOM NEEDS YOUR HELP ASAP!

We need to collect 60 large tins

(800g size).

And 30 large yoghurt containers

(900g-1kg size).

Please make sure these are clean before donating to the box at the office.

**Thank you - Tania & Cecile**





## Term 4 Events:

### Fun Food Day on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

WOW! What a response! P&F will be cooking up a storm with approximately 420 lunch orders to fill on Tuesday!

**Don't forget, parents, you will still need to supply a recess snack and brain food.**

Thank you so much to our volunteers, we are so grateful you have put up your hand to help.



## Pancake Parlour School Rewards!

**Help support THPS with PANCAKES!!!**

Simply download The Pancake Parlour app, follow the prompts to join the school rewards program **Or click on this link** <https://www.pancakeparlour.com.au/school-rewards-join-an-existing-school>

Every time you dine at the Pancake Parlour show them your barcode in the app and THPS will gain the points, which turn into great prizes for the school, such as guest speakers, vouchers and cash.

**Want the Entertainment book?? [THPS - Entertainment link](#)**

### THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page



Don't forget to join the THPS Parents & Friends closed Facebook group by scanning the QR Code or by searching for the THPS Parents & Friends Community group. The joining process includes a few simple questions to answer.

The Facebook group is a great way to stay up to date with all that is happening socially at school.

### Working With Children Check (WWCC)

A WWCC can be applied for free of charge by scanning the QR Code or online <https://wvcv.auspost.com.au/>

A current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office



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**Lauren & Elisa** Need to contact us? [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)

Parents and friend Team

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Access Psychological Treatment and Assessments

Elysium Psychology

Meet  
**Aneka Srinivasan**  
Registered Psychologist



Contact us today:

Templestowe Heights Primary  
Rhys.Coulson@education.vic.gov.au  
Tel: (03) 9850 1796

or

Elysium Psychology  
aneka@elysiumpsychology.com.au  
Ph. 0491709555

### What can therapy help with?

- Social anxiety
- Academic stress
- Bullying
- Body Image
- Mood disorders
- Learning difficulties
- ASD/ ADHD

### How can I access this service?

Aneka will be working on-site every Thursday from Term 2. Sessions are 50 minutes and students need a Mental Health Care Plan from the GP or NDIS

### Assessments:

- ADHD
- ASD
- WISC
- WIAT
- SLD

## ATTENTION JUNIOR CRICKETERS BECOME A BULLANT IN 2024



**NEW GIRLS & BOYS WELCOME  
BLASTERS (5-8YRS)**

**FREE 'COME & TRY DAY'**

**Thurs 7th NOV 5-6PM**

[www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/76dd6c](http://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/76dd6c)

or to register for the season:

[www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/47cbbd](http://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/47cbbd)

**Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club**

Ted Ajani Reserve - Thompsons Rd

**CONTACT - Tim - 0438 502 539**

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